MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, one question. May I know whether the rule of keeping proportionate expenditure in every quarter has been adhered to?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: I should say it has been adhered to; I am not able to certify.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether there is not a rule fixing the proportion of expenditure in any quarter?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: ..... I am not entirely satisfied with the question of proportionate allotment of expenditure in every quarter.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the total amount provided in the current year's budget for the maintenance of the Trivandrum Drainage?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: 20,000 rupees.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I think it was made clear that amounts were provided for finishing the construction of the drainage works. Evidently they thought that the construction could not be finished. Unless this is voted there is no money for the current year's maintenance.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Then, why has no provision been made for this in the current year's budget? Under Rule 77 we are entitled to be informed.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member has stated that it is probably a mistake.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Government would be prepared to make a list of all peoples' roads side by side with the officers' roads or main roads and take the matter up in hand to see.....

PRESIDENT: I think I would like to know what these officer's roads are.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Sir, I said so because the officers generally travel only through the main roads and these big public roads and all the roads which are not good main roads I referred to as the peoples' roads

PRESIDENT: Yes, I see the point.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: As regards the question of preparing a list of roads of officers, etc., raised by my honourable friend I shall only give this assurance that I shall not travel through the main roads. I shall very much like the honourable member to give me a list of roads which he would like me to see and I would like to see them. So far as it may be possible I shall not go through the main roads excepting for the purpose of checking my subordinates.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: The officers of the Department, I think, are more competent to give such a list.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN: The third item which I am entitled to put before this honourable house is the grant for the construction of the collapsed bridge at the northern outlet road. As the matter is to be placed before the Advisory Committee I shall not dwell on it now. I am therefore putting items (i) and (ii) for the acceptance of the house.

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The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,27,000 for the construction of a godown at Quilon, and Rs. 20,000 for the maintenance of Trivandrum Drainage was put to vote and carried. The demand was passed and the grant made.

DEMAND V.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION. FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT, ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE AND LOCAL FUND AUDIT DEPARTMENT

MR. S. RAMASWAMI AIYAR (*Accountant General in charge*). Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,000 for the appointment of a Special Officer for the preparation of a Municipal Manual.

This was urged by the Municipal Conference of 1119 M. E., and Government have also accepted the necessity for a manual of the kind. The work of compilation of the Manual is proposed to be entrusted to the Local Fund Examiner. (honourable members : not audible.)

PRESIDENT : The honourable member may speak louder. This House is a rather difficult House from an acoustic point of view. Honourable member may therefore try to shout.

MR. S. RAMASWAI AIYAR: Sir, the work of compiling the Manual is proposed to be entrusted to the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts, who is to be assisted by an Inspector of Municipal Accounts deputed for the purpose. I request that the grant may be sanctioned by the House.

The question that Government be granted a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,000 for the appointment of a Special Officer for the preparation of a Municipal Manual was put to vote and carried. The demand was passed and the grant made.

DEMAND VI—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—LEGISLATIVE BODIES.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 7,000 for additional allotment on account of bye-election charges. This amount is required for meeting expenditure under two items bye-election charges and remuneration charges for the Election Tribunals. Unfortunately, this year we had an unusually large number of election petitions and so the amount originally provided for is found inadequate. Already we have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 8,000 and we do not know how long the Tribunal is going to sit and how many bye-elections they are going to order. However it is expected that the amount asked for will be sufficient for the purpose.

I request that this House may be pleased to sanction the grant.

MR K. A. MATHEW : May I know the amount paid to the Tribunal?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : They are paid Rs. 25 per sitting.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : The honourable member has come up with a supplementary grant for a bye-election. The Legislature has met after a general election.....

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MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: I must correct the honourable member. It was not for the bye-elections only but also for payment of remuneration for the election tribunal that the grant is asked for.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Perhaps I am not in order.

PRESIDENT: What is it that the honourable member wants to speak about?

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: I want to speak about the Legislative bodies in order to suggest that we are not meeting as often as we ought to do.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Sir, that does not arise.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

The question that Government be granted a supplementary grant of Rs. 7,000 under Demand VI—General Administration—Legislative Bodies, was put to vote and carried. The demand was passed and the grant made.

DEMAND VIII—JAILS.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 68 for payment of house rent allowance for a Deputy Jailor, Jail Manufactory. This amount is required to give a house rent allowance to the Deputy Jailor who is in charge of the Jail Manufactory. He has to be in the Jail premises from 8-30 in the morning till 6 in the evening. Besides this, he has to supervise work on Sundays and has to be in charge of the Jail when the Jailor is on court duty. The question was considered whether it would not be advantageous to give him Government quarters and it was found impracticable just at present on account of the high cost of construction of buildings. The estimate prepared in this connection went high and Government therefore thought it advisable to provide him with a house rent allowance so that he may take a house very near the Jail premises and be available for work whenever necessary.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Was it not possible for the Government to meet this item of expenditure by diversion of funds?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Sir, it is too early to anticipate a saving under any other item.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 68 for payment of house rent allowance for the Deputy Jailor, Jail Manufactory, was put to vote and carried. The demand was passed and the grant made.

DEMAND IX—POLICE.

MR. S. PARTHASARATHI IYENGAR (*Inspector-General of Police*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 684 under Demand No. IX Police, for the purpose of opening a Police out-post at Thidanad.

There was a series of murders in that area and this was studied and it was found that round about Thidanad crimes were on the increase and that it would be better to have a Police out-post which

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